canal in the said taluks for assignment to poor Arayans and persons who lose their lands by encroachment of the sea and the Kayankulam backwater?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The answer is in the negative.

Special Officer for Assignment of Lands to Depressed Classes.

55. MR. C. RAMANKUNJU: (*a*) Is it known to the Government that taluk officers and their subordinates in many cases are not sympathetic in earmarking lands for assignment to depressed classes and that they take little interest in disposing of such applications?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and appoint a sympathetic special officer of the rank of Division Assistant to receive and dispose of applications from depressed classes for the registry of *puduval* lands?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Government do not share the member's apprehension.

(*b*) G. O's. Dis. No. 1464 of 21/Revenue, dated the 30th September, 1921, and Dis. No. 92 of 22/Revenue, dated the 20th January, 1922, lay down clear instructions on the subject of assignment of lands on concessional terms to members of the depressed classes. Instructions have been issued for lands being earmarked in as many *pakuthies* as possible for assignment to the members of the depressed classes in proportion to their population. Provision has also been made for copies of the lists of such lands being hung up conspicuously at taluk and village offices and similar copies being furnished free on demand to the leaders of the depressed communities concerned Special registers have been opened in taluk offices and special returns showing progress made in the assignment of lands to the depressed classes are being sent monthly to the Peishkars, quarterly to the Land Revenue Commissioner and half-yearly to Government, to enable the officers to watch the progress from time to time made in this respect. Government do not therefore consider it necessary either to make any enquiry into the matter at present or to appoint a special officer for the sole purpose of assigning lands to the depressed classes.

Conduct of Mr. C. S. Subrahmanyan Poti.

56. MR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: Are the Government aware that Mr. C. S. Subrahmanyan Poti, Assistant Inspector of Schools, takes sides and has been complained against by parties in criminal cases, and in some cases even by the Police?

MR. S PARAMESVARA AIYAR: Government have no information.

List of Grant-in-aid Reading Rooms.

57. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of grant-in-aid reading rooms and libraries, with their respective grants?

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[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: A list* of aided reading rooms and libraries showing the amount of grant sanctioned to each during 1097 is laid on the table.

Grant of Copies of Revenue Records.

58. MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY: With reference to my interpellation No. 7 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 2nd June, 1921, and the answer thereto, regarding the difficulties experienced by the people in obtaining copies of *Ozhugus*, *Ozhugu* forms, *chittas*, survey plans, etc.—

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have laid down clear rules as promised?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to pass the rules at an early date?

(*c*) Have the Government any objection to issue a circular that revenue officers should not insist on the production of court certificates if there is no rule to that effect?

(*d*) Is there any fixed scale of fees for the grant of copies of survey plans and other land revenue records?

(*e*) Are Government aware that exorbitant copying fees are realised by revenue officers in certain taluks for copies of survey plans, etc.?

(*f*) Is there any rule prohibiting the grant of copies of *ozhugus* and *ozhugu* forms?

(*g*) Have the Government any objection to issue a circular that copies of *ozhugus* and *ozhugu* forms may be freely granted to landholders?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) & (*b*) The Rules referred to have been published in the Government Gazette dated the 29th Tulam, 1098.

(*d*) Yes. The scale of fees is prescribed in the Rules for the preparation and issue of copies of records from revenue offices Dis. No. 736 of 1921/Revenue, dated the 26th July, 1921. In the case of maps or plans or of documents written in characters not known to the copyists or clerks of the revenue office, a reasonable fee has to be specially fixed in each case by the officer competent to grant the copy. (*Vide* Rule 3 (iii) of the above quoted rules.) For other revenue records, the applicant has to incur a charge of 3½ chs. per page of 175 words.

(*e*) No. Government will take action to prescribe a fixed rate of fees for survey plans.

(*f*) The new rules *re* grant of certified copies of revenue records permit the grant of copies of all settlement and pre-settlement records. (*Vide* Rule 5 (8.) These include the *ozhugus* and *ozhugu* forms.

(*c*) & (*g*) No separate circular is necessary in view of the specific provision contained in the new rules.

* *Vide* Appendix II—page 159.

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APPENDIX IV

[*Vide* **Answer to Question No. 57**]

Grants-in-aid sanctioned to Reading Rooms and Libraries during 1097.

No.	Name.			Amount. Rs.	ch.	c.	Remarks.
1	S. M. S. J. Reading Room and Library,		Tazhakudi.	30	...	...	
2	The People's Union Reading Room and Library.		Azhakiapandipuram.	20	...	...	
3	Sri Mulam Town Reading Room and Library,		Vadaseri	30	...	...	
4	Martandavilasam	Do.	Eraniel.	50	...	...	
5	Jnanaprada Sangham	Do.	Neyyattinkara.	50	...	...	
6	C. V. Vilasam	Do.	Taikad, Trivandrum.	25	...	...	
7	S. M. R. V. Association	Do.	Karamanai, Trivandrum.	50	...	...	
8	Prabodhachandrika	Do.	Kadakkavur.	20	...	...	
9	Ravivarma Keralavarma	Do.	Chirayinkil.	15	...	...	
10	Sarasvativilasam	Do.	Parakkode, Kunnattur.	30	...	...	
11	Vivekanandavilasam	Do.	Kunnattur.	25	...	...	
12	Raja Raja Varma	Do.	Oachira	40	...	...	
13	Subrahmanya Vilasam	Do.	Maruturkulangara.	20	...	...	
14	Kuzhittura Free	Do.	Kulasekharapuram.	20	...	...	
15	Srimularaja Vijayam	Do.	Kartikapalli.	30	...	...	
16	Srivalsakasandayini	Do.	Mavelikara.	30	...	...	
17	George Coronation	Do.	,,	35	...	...	
18	Mar Dionysius	Do.	,,	20	...	...	
19	Jnanaprasobhini	Do.	,,	20	...	...	
20	Jnanapradayini	Do.	,,	20	...	...	
21	Pallikkal Chittira Tirunal	Do.	,,	30	...	...	
22	Melukara Anasahaya Sangham	Do.	Pattanamtitta.	30	...	...	
23	Srimulam Shashtyabdapurti Recreation	Do.	Vadaserikara.	122	4	...	Sanctioned by Government but not available each year
24	Kizhvaipur Public Library	Do.	Tiruvalla.	35	...	...	
25	C. K. P. Memorial	Do.	Ambalapuzha.	20	...	...	
26	Prayar A. R. Raja Raja Varma	Do.	Ettumanur.	30	...	...	
27	The Kottayam	Do.		180	...	...	Do.
28	Kumarakam Setu Lakshmi Bai	Do.	Kottayam.	25	...	...	
29	Chengalam Srimulam Shashtyabdapurti	Do.	Do.	25	...	...	
30	The Muslim Brethren	Do.	Alwaye.	25	...	...	
31	Reading Room attached to the Sri Mulam Club.		Devicolam.	120	...	...	Do. Grant increased to Rs. 20 per mensem from 1-1-1098.
	Total		...	1,222	4	...	

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